IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Keohane et al. Serial No: 10/777,646 Filed: 02/12/2004

Title: AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC MESSAGE FILING SYSTEM

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Box Non-Fee Amendment (Pats) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of September 18, 2007, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the attached drawing sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

There is not an appendix to this paper.